

Confesses He Aided Becker In Wife Killing

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On the basis of Norkin's confession, the exact nature of the charge to be made against Norkin, who is held under \$100,000 bail as a material witness.

The whole story, so far as present and intermediate court proceedings are concerned, said Mr. Cohn, "is one of two indictments for murder in the first degree. And you may be sure that justice in this case will be meted out just as swiftly as we can proceed in it. It is probable that the trial will be begun within thirty days."

According to the evidence thus far, Cohn said, only Becker and Norkin were implicated in the crime, and that, as far as could be learned, no third person had a hand in it.

One new feature of the case had to do with the bringing to the attention of Mr. Cohn the fact that a girl named Fannie Bloom, formerly in the employ of Norkin, mysteriously disappeared in 1915 and has not been found since. This was regarded as a statement of importance, because of the fact that Becker, to the effect that "you might as well put your wife out there in the street as to let her be killed by Becker," had been declared by Norkin as evidence in the trial.

Although thorough examinations of the murder scene and its vicinity already had been made, this new point ready for the investigators to greater scrutiny than ever, and it is probable that every inch of the lot and yard, and the automobile junking shop will be dug up by the police.

A survey of the lot was begun yesterday by Mr. Cohn and assistants for photographs and blue print diagrams to be used as evidence in the trial.

According to Norkin, the murder was planned with about two weeks before its commission, Becker went to him and asked that he must get rid of his wife.

He suggested poisoning. Norkin pointed out that there might be a medical examination which would disclose the crime. He then mentioned drowning, "with, possibly, a rock about her neck," Norkin counseled against this, as bodies float, and here might come up. The husband's final suggestion at the time was for hanging, but this Norkin also declared he said would be inadvisable.

No further action was taken by Becker, Norkin declared, until two months before commission of the deed, when Becker went to his shop and borrowed a shovel. Then, Norkin continued, Becker set to work and dug out the pit in preparation for its reception of his wife's body.

Started Out for Party

On the morning of April 6, Becker, his confessed accomplice, asserted, said to his wife:

"Wear your best clothes to-night, Jennie, and I'll take you out for a little party."

Mrs. Becker could hardly believe her ears. Neglected by her husband for Anne Elias, "the other woman," and at times so destitute she had been compelled to beg in the streets for her four children, the invitation to go somewhere was the first she had received for more than a year.

With a greater happiness than she has known for a long time, she got out her best clothes—badly worn, but still her best—and prepared for the occasion. She sewed up a bedraggled fringe here and there, ironed and sponged, and tried on her best dress. She even borrowed trinkets from neighbors, so that she'd look her best.

When her husband came home in the evening she was all ready. The "party," he told her, was a call at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Linder, at 17 East 114th Street. After she had given her four children good-night kisses, Becker drove his wife there in his automobile—a machine he had purchased from Norkin.

Becker Delayed Return Home

When the Linders take up the story, "We spent the evening sitting about and talking," Mrs. Linder told the Assistant District Attorney. "They stayed very late, however, and finally Mr. Linder and I became tired and left. We couldn't help showing we thought it was time for them to go."

"Mrs. Becker saw this."

"Don't you think it's about time for us to go home, Abe?" she asked her husband.

"Oh, the evening's early and there's plenty of time yet," was his reply.

Several times after that Mrs. Becker repeated her suggestion, but each time she got the same response. Finally, between 12:30 and 1 o'clock in the morning, they left.

Norkin's confession now returns as the main thread of the story. The reaction Becker delayed departing from the Linders home, he said, was because the two men had their grown-up appointment at the automobile shop, arranged between them in advance, between the hours of 1 and 2:30.

Shortly after driving away from the Linders home, the confession continued, Becker purposely permitted an unusual quantity of oil to get into the cylinders of the machine, using the retreating cylinders as the basis of an excuse to the wife that "the car isn't working."

"We'll drive to the shop of the man who sold me the car," he told Mrs. Becker. "It's up to him to fix it, and I'll make him."

Becker then drove the car to the part in front of Norkin's shop, which was viewed from the street by a high board fence. Norkin, however, was not there.

"You wait here," he told his wife, "and I'll see if I can find him."

Struck From Behind

Leaving his wife in the yard, Becker drove to the lunch car. Norkin was there. For a few moments, both according to Norkin and two witnesses, the two men sat in a corner and talked in low tones. Then they left and drove off in Becker's automobile, Norkin riding on the running board. Let the rest of the story be told in Norkin's own words:

"When we drove up to my shop," he said, "Mrs. Becker was walking back and forth on the sidewalk in front of the yard waiting for her husband's return. Becker drove the car up to the curb and she got in. Then he drove all of us around into the yard. He had stepped to the ground beside the hood of the machine. Mrs. Becker remained in the car."

Becker pretended to examine the engine, which was running, saying he couldn't find out what was the matter with it. Finally he called to his wife.

"Jennie," he said, "come out here and see if you can help me find what the trouble is. Put your ear down close to the engine and listen for any sound."

Mrs. Becker got out of the car. She was over, as her husband requested, and listened to the engine's throb. Her back was toward her husband.

Then he lifted the iron bar, and struck her once with it on the back of the head.

groan several times as Becker, grabbing her by the back of the coat, dragged her to the edge of the pit, about thirty feet away, and dumped her in.

"Then he asked me to act as a lookout," he agreed, and walked back and forth along the sidewalk in front of the place. Within about two minutes after Becker had got his wife to the pit he was shoveling dirt on her. It took nearly half an hour to finish the job.

"After he was through he called me over. He stood on one side of the grave and I on the other, and, shaking hands across it, we took a solemn oath that neither of us would ever reveal the deed to any soul."

"When this was over, we went back to the lunch car, and Becker bought the cigars. He seemed very happy, and we sat for quite a little while while talking about what had happened."

Norkin denied that he had at any time taken part in the actual commission of the murder or had touched the body, but the admissions he has made, Mr. Cohn believes, will be quite sufficient to bring about his conviction of murder in the first degree. He also said that his part in the slaying had been one solely to friendship for Becker, and denied he had received any money for it.

Sent Himself a Telegram

Mr. Cohn has found at least three good witnesses, as to various points in Norkin's story. In addition to the two of the lunch car, Morris Bloom, a worker in a poultry yard near the murder scene, appeared as a new witness of the day.

He told Mr. Cohn that on April 5, about thirty-six hours before the murder, he saw a man digging in the lot near the automobile shop. Norkin, he declared, also was there and took part in the digging.

"What are you digging for—gold?" Bloom said he asked them and declared he received only a laugh in reply.

Another bit of evidence against Becker obtained during the day was a copy of a telegram which, it is believed, he sent to himself from Philadelphia on April 28, signing his wife's name, in order to himself installing the suspicions of persons curious as to her whereabouts. This message read:

"Everything O. K. with me. Letter will follow."

Mr. Cohn did not reveal whether Norkin at any point in his confession said that Becker had told him that he wanted to be rid of his wife so that he could resume living with Anne Elias and the two-year-old illegitimate child of the two, but the investigators feel sure this was one of Becker's chief motives for the crime.

Child Taken From Miss Elias

It was Miss Elias who brought the only human touch, pathetic, touch into the sordid developments of yesterday.

While Norkin was making his confession she and her baby were taken to the Bronx Children's Court on an old charge of improper guardianship, which had been brought against her on November 7. After hearing testimony Justice Cornelius F. Collins entered an order committing the child to the Home for Hebrew Infants, at Kingsbridge.

"Oh, my God!" she screamed, when she was told her baby was to be taken from her. "What will I do without her?"

She became hysterical, and was calmed only by repeated assurances she would be permitted to visit the child at the home from time to time.

The girl still is being cared for by the District Attorney's office.

It was learned that the two eldest Becker children, Alexander, eight years old, and Harry, six, were transferred from an East Side orphanage, where they have been since their mother disappeared, to an up-state institution.

"They could not bear the taunts of the other boys," it was said.

Wanamaker Holds His Own

Special Dispatch to The Tribune

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8.—After rallying from his sinking spell of Thursday John Wanamaker, who has been ill at his home with a heavy cold, was reported to be about the same to-day. Mrs. Harvey Shoenmaker, Albert Stengel and W. E. Quickall this morning issued the following bulletin:

"There has been no perceptible change in Mr. Wanamaker's condition throughout the night."

Weather Report

Rise, 7.02 a. m. Sun sets, 4:51 p. m. Moon rises, 4:22 p. m. Moon sets, 8:35 a. m.

Local Forecast.—Increasing cloudiness to-day, becoming unsettled; to-morrow generally fair; not much change in temperature; moderate shifting winds.

Local Official Record.—The following record from the Weather Bureau shows temperatures during the last twenty-four hours, in comparison with the corresponding date of last year:

1922, 1921.	1922, 1921.
3 a. m., 49 42	3 p. m., 46 46
6 a. m., 40 47	6 p. m., 40 25
9 a. m., 40 46	9 p. m., 35 24
12 noon, 44 50	12 noon, 24 17

Highest, 45 degrees, at 3:25 p. m.; lowest, 26, at 8 p. m.; average, 41; average same date last year, 55. Average same date for thirty-three years, 35 degrees.

Humidity
8 a. m., 53 1 p. m., 41 8 p. m., 55

Barometer Readings
8 a. m., 30.17 1 p. m., 30.15 8 p. m., 30.25

General Weather Conditions

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The disturbance that was central over the lower Atlantic coast on Friday night continued to move eastward and its center was over Newfoundland to-night. It has been attended by gales within the last twenty-four hours along the north Atlantic coast, from Nova Scotia to Maine and the Cape of North Carolina. Rain also has fallen in the northern provinces. California, northern Texas, southern California and the north Pacific states.

Elsewhere the weather has remained clear. The pressure remained high to-day over the Gulf and south Atlantic states and it was relatively low along the north and south Pacific coast. The temperature was lower to-day in the upper Ohio valley, the lower lake region and in the middle Atlantic and north Atlantic states, while there was a reaction to higher temperature in the upper lake region and in the Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys. The weather remained unseasonably warm throughout the Southern states.

The outlook is for mostly fair weather Sunday and Monday in the states east of the Mississippi River. However, there is some probability of local rains Sunday in the middle Atlantic states and the upper Ohio valley. The temperature will not change materially during the next two days.

Forecast by Districts.—Eastern New York—Increasing cloudiness to-day, becoming unsettled on the coast; to-morrow generally fair; not much change in temperature.

Southern New England—Mostly cloudy to-day and to-morrow, probably becoming unsettled; little change in temperature.

Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey—Generally cloudy to-day, possibly local rain in south portion; to-morrow generally fair; not much change in temperature.

Maryland and Delaware—Generally cloudy, probably local rain to-day; to-morrow generally fair; little change in temperature.

Western New York—Mostly cloudy to-day and to-morrow; slightly warmer to-day.

Forecast for Week

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Weather outlook for the week beginning Monday:

North and Middle Atlantic States, Ohio Valley and Tennessee, Region of the Great Lakes—Considerable cloudiness, temperature near or slightly below normal, occasional light rains or snow.

Southern Atlantic and East Gulf States—Considerable cloudiness, scattered local rain; temperature normal.

West Gulf States—Generally fair, with temperature near normal.

Upper Mississippi and Lower Mississippi valleys, Rocky Mountain and Plateau Regions—Generally fair and normal temperature.

Pacific States—Generally fair in California, unsettled and occasional rains in Washington and Oregon; normal temperature.

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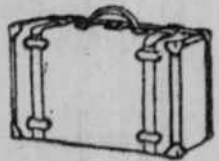
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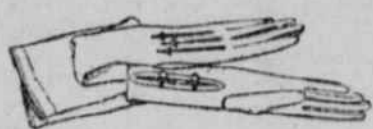
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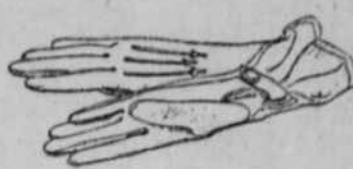
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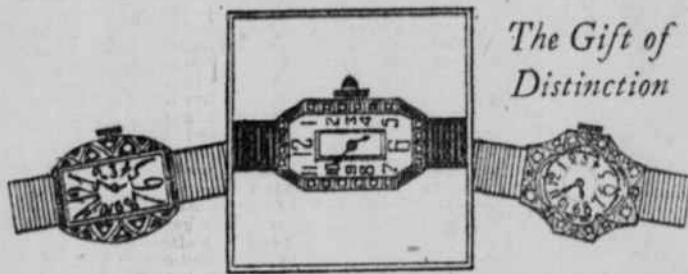
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